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owl (*Bubo virginianus*); 2 gray foxes (*Vulpes virginianus*); 1 raccoon (*Procyon lotor*); 1 garter snake (*Eutania sirtalis*); 1 woodchuck (*Arctomys monax*); 5 alligators (*Alligator mississippiensis*); 2 wild boars (*Sus scrofa*), North Africa.

— A new industry has recently sprung up in parts of Minnesota, namely, frog culture; it is a simple matter, consisting chiefly in the protection of eggs and tadpoles from birds and other enemies, by means of wire screens. The product, thus far reported, amounts to 3,000 dozen of frogs' legs, of which about two-thirds have been shipped to St. Louis. The average quotation of prices is 20 cents per dozen.

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PROCEEDINGS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—May 14.—Mr. Jesse Young read a paper upon his recent journey of exploration as the astronomer of the Giles Expedition across the continent of Australia, with descriptions of the deserts, native races and the natural history of the country.

May 28.—Gen. C. Chaillé Long lectured on Egypt, Africa and Africans, embracing the following subjects: Egypt's annexations; the results of his expeditions in Central and Oriental Africa; his discovery of Lake Ibrahim and two hundred miles of the unknown White Nile; the source of the Nile; M'tse, King of Uganda; the Niam-Niams; Akka, or Ticki-Ticki, and the Anthropophagi and pigmy tribes.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY.—May 15.—Mr. Richard Rathbun read a Description of a Coral Reef in the Bay of Bahia, Brazil. Mr. J. A. Allen spoke on the Fossil Birds of North America, and Dr. T. Sterry Hunt remarked on the Taconic Rocks of North America.

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SCIENTIFIC SERIALS.¹

TRANSACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The last numbers (1 and 2 of vol. vii.) of the Transactions of the American Entomological Society, contains some articles of unusual interest. Among them are Notes on some species of *Hister*, and an elaborate revision of the species of *Acmæodera* of the United States, by Dr. Horn, illustrated by a plate. Dr. Horn also contributes Notes on some genera of *Cerambycidae* of the United States. A number of new North American *Hymenoptera* are described by Mr. E. T. Cresson, comprising mostly bees. The most important paper is Dr. Horn's Descriptions of the larvæ of the North American genera of *Cicindelidae*, also of *Dicælus*, with a note on *Rhynchophorus*, and illustrated with a plate, showing with more or less detail the larvæ of *Amblychlila cylindriciformis*, *Omus dejeanii*, *Tetracha carolina*, *Cicindela repanda*, *Dicælus (costatus? purpuratus?)*.

¹ The contents of these journals are for the most part selected.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL MAGAZINE.—May. Prejevalsky's Explorations in Central Asia (with a map showing his route from Kuldja across the Tian-Shan to Lob-Nor and the Altyn-Tag, 1876-77). Himalaya explorations (with a map of the Mullah's new explorations in the Chitral Valley, and along the course of the Indus). The Cossacks, by C. A. G. Bridge. Salang Island, by A. de Richelieu. Droughts and climates at the Cape of Good Hope, by W. J. Black.

THE GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE.—May. Geological Time, Part II., by C. L. Morgan. Erratics at high levels in North-western America—barriers to a great ice-sheet, by G. M. Dawson. Denudation—rain and river, by H. O. Forbes. The fossil-fish localities of the Lebanon, by G. R. Lewis. Occurrence of a fresh water sponge in the Purbeck limestone.

SIEBOLD AND KÖLLIKER'S ZEITSCHRIFT.—April 23. Form of the crystalline cone in the eyes of arthropoda, by O. Schmidt. On Anomia, with remarks on the comparative anatomy of the muscles in Lamellibranch Molluscs, by H. V. Ihering. The poison apparatus and anal glands (secreting an odorous fluid) in ants, by A. Forel. Separation of the order of Oscines from the Clamatores, Scansores and Columbidae by the structure of the egg-shell, by W. von Nathusius. Contribution to a knowledge of the postembryonal formation of the limbs in insects, by H. Dewitz. On the ornamental colors of Daphnidæ, by A. Weismann.

May 7.—On the structure of sponges (Reniera), by E. Keller. Contributions to a knowledge of the urinary vessels of insects, by E. Schindler.

Supplement to May 7.—On the Amphipods and Isopods (structure of the antennæ, gills, &c.), by F. Leydig. On the development of the testes and on alternation of generations in Salpæ, by W. Salensky. On the method of Zoölogy, by P. Kramer. On the reproductive organs of some ectoparasitical marine Trematodes, by C. Vogt. The movements of flying fish through the air, by K. Moebius. Faunistic studies in the fresh water lakes of Switzerland, by F. A. Forel.

CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST.—April. Notes on *Grapta comma* and *interrogationis* (relates to dimorphism) by W. H. Edwards.

CANADIAN NATURALIST.—April 10. Notes on some Scottish Devonian Plants, by J. W. Dawson. Traveling notes on the Surface Geology of the Pacific Slope, by G. M. Dawson. On some Jurassic fossils from the Coast range of British Columbia, by J. F. Whiteaves. Notes on the Locust in the North-west, in 1876, by G. M. Dawson. The mechanical effects of Arctic ice in producing ocean currents, by H. Y. Hind.